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1. Chinese Communists are planning to invade Kengtung District, Burma.
2. Six thousand troops of the Chinese Communist 39 Division<sup>1</sup> are assembled at Ch'eli (100-50; 21-58), Fohai (100-26; 21-58), and Nanchiao (100-17; 22-00). Members of this division claim that the Communist plan is to invade southeast Asia via Burma.
3. Two thousand Chinese Communist troops at Mangshih (98-35; 24-25) are to advance south along the Burma-Yunnan border.
4. Fifteen thousand Chinese Communists<sup>2</sup> are concentrated in the Meng Ma - Neng Lien areas. Six hundred men are to attack Mong Yang (99-42; 21-50) and Mong Lwe (99-37; 21-39). One thousand are to attack Pang Yang (98-49; 22-08), 300 will attack Mong Pu (98-45; 20-55), and 600 will March toward Kengtung (99-36; 21-17). The plan calls for a combined attack by Chinese and Burmese Communists.
5. Six hundred Government of Burma Gurkha troops have been flown from Rangoon to Kengtung.<sup>3</sup>

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. This division was reported along the Kunming-Lackay railroad in January 1951.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The figure of 15,000 may be excessive. Perhaps 8,000 to 10,000 would be more accurate.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. Burmese formations in or near Kengtung are believed to consist of 1 and 3 Kachin Battalions only.

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